

II. AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION, SPECIFICALLY THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the Specification, specifically the Brief Description of the Drawings, page 7, lines 13-22, as follows:

~~Figure 5 is a flowchart illustrating one embodiment of a method of splitting compressed data among a plurality of parallel decompression engines to produce uncompressed data;~~

~~Figure 6a illustrates the concurrent compression of uncompressed data by a plurality of compression engines implementing different lossless data compression algorithms and the selection of one of the compressed outputs as the optimal compressed data based on one or more criteria according to one embodiment;~~

~~Figure 6b illustrates the decompression of compressed data by one of a plurality of decompression engines implementing different data decompression algorithms according to one embodiment;~~

Figures 5 and 6 respectively illustrate compression and decompression engines implementing lossless compression/decompression algorithms, including parallel lossless compression/decompression algorithms.